

# ***ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING EDUCATION***

**OF THE**

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF**

**PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS**

## ***MINUTES DECEMBER 16, 2005***

Item 1- Call to order / roll call to determine the presence of a quorum. After determining the presence of a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 8:41am. Committee members present in North, Pamela Hogan and Debbie Dieter; Committee members present in the South, Joe Cracraft, Chairman and Merrill Landers. Non-members in attendance: Allison Tresca, Executive Secretary and Richard Dreitzer, Deputy Attorney General. Public in attendance: Matthew Berhold and Lynn Maguire.

Item 2- Review and approval of minutes of November 10, 2005 meeting. On motion by Committee member Landers, seconded by Committee member Dieter and approved with a unanimous vote, the minutes were approved.

Item 3- Request from At Home Seminars for reconsideration of units awarded for the following courses:

Decision Making in Pediatric Neurological Physical Therapy

- Module 1: Cerebral Palsy & Traumatic Brain Injury.
- Module 2: Mental Retardation & Spina Bifida.
- Module 3: Brachial Plexus Injuries and the Infant and the Infant at Risk for Developmental Disabilities.

On motion by Committee member Landers, seconded by Committee member Hogan and approved with a unanimous vote, the course reconsideration was denied.

The Hand: Fundamentals of Therapy

- Module 2.
- Module 3.

On motion by Committee member Landers, seconded by Committee member Hogan and approved with a unanimous vote, the course reconsideration was denied.

Professional Ethics: A Guide for Rehabilitation Professionals

- Module 1.
- Module 2.
- Module 3.

On motion by Committee member Landers, seconded by Committee member Hogan and approved with a unanimous vote, the course reconsideration was denied.

Item 4- Review and approval of courses.

*Contemporary Forums – Spinal Cord Injuries: Neurotrauma Litigation.* On motion by Committee member Landers, seconded by Committee member Hogan and approved with a unanimous vote, the course was denied for lack of immediate clinical relevance.

*Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins – Grand Opening of Exhibits & Poster Session.* On motion by Committee member Hogan, seconded by Committee member Landers and approved with a unanimous vote, the course was denied as there was no verifiable evidence of attendance or learning on a non-guided tour.

*Therapeutic Service Systems – How to Treat Individuals with Cognitive Disabilities.* Committee member Landers stated that some portion of the course may be relevant to physical therapy. It was discussed that the course appeared to be geared to occupational therapy and speech therapy. On motion by Committee member Hogan, seconded by Committee member Landers and approved with a unanimous vote, the course was approved for .8 units through July 31, 2007.

*Contemporary Forums – Brain Injuries: Neurotrauma Litigation.* It was discussed that this course was identical to course #9 on the agenda except the title. On motion by Committee member Hogan, seconded by Committee member Landers and approved with a unanimous vote, the course was denied for lack of immediate clinical relevance.

*IndeFree Corporation – IndeFree Private Practice Course.* On motion by Committee member Landers, seconded by Committee member Dieter and approved with a unanimous vote, the course was denied due to lack of clinical relevance.

*Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins – Coverage, Coding & Payments Systems' Effects on Wound Care Practices.* Committee member Landers stated that it is an administrative course. On motion by Committee member Hogan, seconded by Committee member Landers and approved with a unanimous vote, the course was approved for .15 non-clinical units through July 31, 2007.

*Trinity Healthforce Learning – Patient Safety & Medical Errors.* It was discussed that part of the description indicated that it was geared towards physical therapists, but the course content was generic and not specific to physical therapy. On motion by Committee member Dieter, seconded by Committee member Cracraft and approved with a unanimous vote, the course was denied due to lack of clinical relevance.

*Contemporary Forums – Brain Injuries: Main Conference-Concurrent Sessions.* On motion by Committee member Dieter, seconded by Committee member Hogan and approved with a unanimous vote, the course was approved for .6 units through July 31, 2007.

*Contemporary Forums – Brain Injuries: General Sessions.* On motion by Committee member Hogan, seconded by Committee member Dieter and approved with a unanimous vote, the course was approved for 1.3 units through July 31, 2007.

*Contemporary Forums – Pre-conference E: Early Interventions to Improve Traumatic Brain Injury Outcomes.* On motion by Committee member Landers, seconded by Committee member Dieter and approved with a unanimous vote, the course was approved for .35 units through July 31, 2007.

*Contemporary Forums – Spinal Cord Injuries: Main Conference-General Sessions.* On motion by Committee member Landers, seconded by Committee member Hogan and approved with a unanimous vote, the course was approved for 1.125 units through July 31, 2007.

*Contemporary Forums – Spinal Cord Injuries: Main Conference-Concurrent Sessions.* On motion by Committee member Landers, seconded by Committee member Hogan and approved with a unanimous vote, the course was approved for .6 units through July 31, 2007.

*Contemporary Forums – Brain Injuries: Preconference C: Evidence-Based Cognitive Rehabilitation.* On motion by Committee member Landers, seconded by Committee member Hogan and approved with a unanimous vote, the course was approved for .35 units through July 31, 2007.

*Contemporary Forums – Brain Injuries: Preconference B: Neuroplasticity & Neuroregeneration .* On motion by Committee member Landers, seconded by Committee member Hogan and approved with a unanimous vote, the course was approved for .35 units through July 31, 2007.

*Contemporary Forums – Brain Injuries: Preconference D: Enhancing Treatment with Technology.* On motion by Committee member Landers, seconded by Committee member Hogan and approved with a unanimous vote, the course was approved for .35 units through July 31, 2007.

*Cross Country Education, Inc. – How to Jump Start Learning for Children with Sensory Dysfunction.* On motion by Committee member Hogan, seconded by Committee member Landers and approved with a unanimous vote, the course was approved for .65 units through July 31, 2007.

*Kindred Hospital Las Vegas – Alternative Rehab Treatment Approaches to Pain Management.* On motion by Committee member Landers, seconded by Committee member Hogan and approved with a unanimous vote, the course was approved for 1.1 units through July 31, 2007.

*UNLV – Class of 2005 Research Project Presentations.* On motion by Committee member Hogan, seconded by Committee member Landers and approved with a unanimous vote, the course was approved for .4 units through July 31, 2007.

On motion by Committee member Landers, seconded by Committee member Hogan and approved with a unanimous vote, the following courses are approved through July 31, 2007 for the units indicated.

At Home Seminars	Exercise & Multiple Sclerosis	0.6
At Home Seminars	Fallproof!	1
At Home Seminars	Athletic Taping & Bracing	1
California Education Connection	Janda Approach to Musculoskeletal Pain Syndromes	1.5
Clark County School District	Treating Children with Severe Physical Disabilities	1.5
Contemporary Forums	Spinal Cord Injuries: Preconference B: Mobility Progression & Transfers	0.7
Contemporary Forums	Spinal Cord Injuries: Preconference C: Dual Diagnosis: When the Person w/SCI is Brain Injured	0.45
Great Lakes Seminars	Comprehensive Treatment of the Shoulder	1.5
Hanger Orthopedic Group	Successful Rehab. Of the Lower Extremity Amputee	0.5
Health ED	Asperger's Syndrome & Autism Spectrum Disorders in Children & Adolescents	0.65
Health ED	AS, NLD, HFA: Effective Interactive Strategies for Children, Adolescents & Adults	0.65
Lippincott Williams & Wilkins	Pressure Ulcer Prevalence & Incidence: It's All About Numbers...Or Is It? - 300	0.1
Lippincott Williams & Wilkins	Sizing Up Bariatric Patient Care - 214	0.1
Lippincott Williams & Wilkins	Skin & Wound Care Issues in Critical Care - 305	0.1
Lippincott Williams & Wilkins	Advanced Nutrition for Wound Healing - 309	0.1
Lippincott Williams & Wilkins	Ulcer Prevention After the Partial Foot Amputation - 315	0.1
Lippincott Williams & Wilkins	Do Anti-Inflammatories Have a Role in Wound Healing? - 301	0.1
Lippincott Williams & Wilkins	Turning Over a Mystery: Turn Q2 Hour - 400	0.1
Lippincott Williams & Wilkins	Power Tools for Wound Care: Electrical Modalities - 205	0.1
Lippincott Williams & Wilkins	Wound Culturing: Benefits & Controversies - 402	0.1
Lippincott Williams & Wilkins	Look at Healing Deep in the Wound - 201	0.1
Lippincott Williams & Wilkins	Coverage, Coding, & Payment Systems' Effects on Wound Care Practices: A Look Back to 1985 &... - 401	n/c 0.15
Lippincott Williams & Wilkins	Wound Gallery: A Picture is Worth 1,000 Words - 207	0.1
Lippincott Williams & Wilkins	Wound Care Dilemmas: An Interdisciplinary Chat - 200	0.1
Lippincott Williams & Wilkins	Twenty Years in Wound Care: Where We've Been, Where We're Going - 100	0.15
Motivations, Inc.	Pathophysiology & Mechanics of the Shoulder - #114	1.5
Motivations, Inc.	Pediatric Vestibular Rehab.: Assessment & Treatment - #314	1.5
Motivations, Inc.	Geriatric Orthopedics - #180	1.5
Peter Barbieri Manual Therapy & Associates	Evaluation & Treatment of the Thoracic Cage	1.5
Physiotherapy Associates	Rehabilitative Approach to Obstetrical Brachial Plexus Injury	1.5
Physiotherapy Associates	Strengthen Your Game: Golf Rehab. & Performance	1.5
Prometheus Group	Beyond Kegels II: Advanced Techniques & Special Populations	0.7
Prometheus Group	Beyond Kegels: Bladder Health & the Pelvic Muscle Force Field	1.2
Therapeutic Service Systems	How to Treat Individuals with Cognitive Disabilities	0.8

Univ. of NV School of Medicine	Lake Tahoe Knee & Shoulder Update (9th Annual)	1.5
Washoe Medical Center	Polypharmacy & Geriatrics	0.1
Washoe Medical Center	Damage Control Orthopedics	0.1

Item 5- Review of recommendations to the Board for possible changes to Nevada Administrative Code 640 regarding Continuing Education provisions and possible new recommendations. Matthew Berhold appeared on this item. Committee member Dieter asked where the suggestions came from. The Executive Secretary advised that the Committee, as a whole, had discussed the NAC and made these suggestions. Committee member Dieter stated she had a question on the suggestion to change 640.400 to require that all courses be clinical in nature. Committee Chairman Cracraft noted that the current requirement allows for .8 non-clinical hours. The Committee was noticing that many licensees were taking non-clinical courses and believed that the focus should be placed back on clinical courses. Committee member Cracraft noted that the idea of allowing non-clinical units was to grant time for serving on the APTA, NPTA due to that involvement. He further commented that over the years it has expanded. Mr. Berhold asked what was considered clinical and how was it defined. Committee member Landers stated that the Committee receives courses which are a not immediately related to the practice. Mr. Berhold stated that different settings require different things. He stated that there are a lot of settings in physical therapy. He commented that a researcher studying wound care is not hands-on. Committee member Landers stated that wound care is considered clinical and research of wound care would also be considered clinical. Mr. Berhold stated that he attended a coding class he attended was mandatory for his current setting. Committee member Landers noted that the course types mentioned by Mr. Berhold would all fall into the clinical category. Chairman Cracraft stated that the courses that are currently approved and are for review, are based on the current guidelines. He further commented that a coding course would not be considered clinical if the recommended changes were approved by the Board. Committee member Landers stated that a licensee may take any courses needed for his work setting, the Committee believes that courses should be directly related to clinical practice. Chairman Cracraft stated that most of the areas of concern are courses that relate to the business of physical therapy, not the practice of physical therapy. He stated that the Committee wants to get back to the issue of the practice of physical therapy. Mr. Berhold asked how competence can be measured. Committee member Cracraft stated that one of the recommendations is to require a post-test for certain courses. Committee member Landers stated that measuring competency is difficult and short of requiring licensees to take the National Examination again, we can't guarantee learning. Committee Chairman Cracraft stated that all licensees have a responsibility to take the courses seriously. Mr. Berhold asked the Committee if they have ever considered having a 2 year licensure period. He inquired about carrying over units from one year to the next. The Executive Secretary stated that a 2 year renewal period was recommended by a licensee during the last Legislative session. She stated that the Board unanimously rejected the idea. Committee Chair Cracraft stated that the Board is very concerned with the public and the Board members take their roles seriously. The Executive Secretary stated that communication with the licensees via renewals and Newsletters helps in keeping addresses current. Committee Chair Cracraft suggested that Mr. Berhold attend the Workshop on January 20, 2006. Committee member Landers asked about 640.470(2), providing for instructors to get credit for hours actually spent teaching. Committee member Hogan stated that when she presented a one-hour course, she spent 7 hours preparing. She believes that only the actual time spent teaching should be considered as that is the only time that can be measured. Committee member Landers asked how much time should be granted to someone who studies for a certification. It was discussed

that time for studying cannot be measured, but the Committee can grant time for obtaining the certification. The Executive Secretary stated that the Committee had granted time for a licensee who obtained a certification. The Executive Secretary stated that Nancy Snellgrove was awarded 1.5 units for obtaining a Lymphadema Certification.

Item 6- Public Comment.

Item 7- If necessary, schedule the next meeting of the Committee.

Item 8- Adjournment of the Continuing Education Advisory Committee meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20.